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In re the application of:

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For: CATALYST FOR OXIDIZING REFORMED GAS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 12, 2002

Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 10, 2001. This response repeats the arguments presented in an Amendment filed on October 10, 2001, held to be non-compliant due to a lack of a marked up version. By including a marked up version of a claim amendment, the instant response is believed to be in full compliant with the rules. In reply to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A catalyst for oxidizing a reformed gas according to claim 1, wherein the alloy metal of the platinum alloy is selected from the group consisting of ruthenium, iron, rhodium, cobalt, molybdenum, nickel and manganese.